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The Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) currently staffs County offices in Lancaster for a limited time each December and April to allow constituents in the north County to make their first and second installment payments, respectively, in person. This month, from April 1 to April 12, approximately 2,200 constituents made property tax payments at this office.

In order to meet its proposed budget curtailment, TTC has proposed eliminating this valuable service. The elimination of this service, which is used by many senior citizens and disabled taxpayers, would cause an undue hardship as constituents would need to travel to the TTC’s downtown Los Angeles headquarters to make an in-person payment. While the TTC has implemented various online payment applications in recent years and reports these payment options are heavily utilized, not all constituents have access to personal computers or the internet.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Treasurer and Tax Collector to evaluate options for maintaining this valuable service to constituents, including:

- Working with the Assessor’s office to determine if Assessor staff could accept payments in the Lancaster office on behalf of the TTC;
- Allowing constituents to deposit their property tax payments at the County’s bank, Bank of America;
- Providing constituents with internet access in the County’s Lancaster offices, so that constituents could access the TTC website and use online payment options; and
- Working with the Chief Executive Officer to determine whether necessary funding is available to maintain the service at the current levels.

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